

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§	
Afshar, et al.	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 2614
Serial No.: 10/790,264	§	
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Confirmation No.: 3519	§	
	§	Examiner: Addy, Thjuan Knowlin
Filed: March 1, 2004	§	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS	§	
FOR FUNCTIONAL	§	
ARCHITECTURE OF VOICE-	§	
OVER-IP SIP NETWORK	§	
BORDER ELEMENT	§	

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST  
18, 2009**

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 18, 2009 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 18, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Applicants believe that a request for continued examination (RCE) fee is due in connection with this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's credit card account.

Furthermore, in the event that the Commissioner is unable to obtain the necessary fees from counsel's credit card account, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-4802/ATT/2003-0266 for the RCE fee, and any additional fees, including extension of time and excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.